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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

<i>Application Number</i>	09/611,320
<i>Filing Date</i>	July 6, 2000
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Richard J. Collins
<i>Group Art Unit</i>	3722
<i>Examiner Name</i>	W. Fridie
<i>Attorney Docket No.</i>	016762.085-US01

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000) which established RCE practice.

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_
  - i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
  - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Check in the amount of \$ 740.00 enclosed
- c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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Signature	<i>Andrea G. Reister</i>	Date	November 19, 2001



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# FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2002

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## Complete if Known

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## METHOD OF PAYMENT

1.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to:

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Deposit Account Name

Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17  Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

2.  Payment Enclosed

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## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

## 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)
105	130	205	65
127	50	227	25
139	130	139	130
147	2,520	147	2,520
112	920*	112	920*
113	1,840*	113	1,840*
115	110	215	55
116	400	216	200
117	920	217	460
118	1,440	218	720
128	1,960	228	980
119	320	219	160
120	320	220	160
121	280	221	140
138	1,510	138	1,510
140	110	240	55
141	1,280	241	640
142	1,280	242	640
143	460	243	230
144	620	244	310
122	130	122	130
123	50	123	50
126	180	126	180
581	40	581	40
146	740	246	370
149	740	249	370
179	740	279	370
169	900	169	900
Other fee (specify)			
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RCE/3722\*

Docket No.: 016762.085-US01  
(PATENT)



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:  
Richard J. Collins, et al.

Application No.: 09/611,320

Group Art Unit: 3722

Filed: July 6, 2000

Examiner: W. Fridie

For: CARD WITH INCREASED GRIPABILITY

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following items for filing in connection with the above-referenced Patent Application:

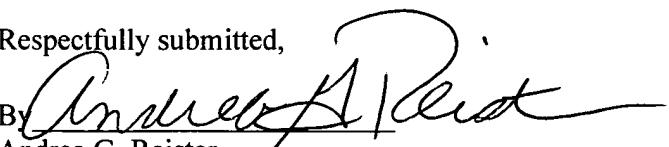
1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal;
2. Fee Transmittal;
3. Reply and Amendment under 37 CFR § 1.111;
4. Check No. 287649 for \$740 for the RCE filing fee; and
5. Return receipt postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740, under Docket No. 016762.085-US01. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent

abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Dated: November 19, 2001

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Collins *et al.*  
Appl. No.: 09/611,320  
Filed: July 6, 2000  
For: Card with Increased Gripability

Art Unit: 3722  
Examiner: W. Fridie, Jr.  
Atty. Docket: 16762.085.US01

**Reply and Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2001, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 7), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks, as well as the accompanying request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740 referencing docket number 16762.085.US01.

***Amendments***

***In the Claims:***

Please amend claims 1 and 14 as follows:

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1. (amended) A credit-card-sized card comprising a front, a back, and tread comprising a plurality of generally hemispherically shaped raised dimples for improving the gripability of said card.

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